

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMONS AND AGENDA

for the Annual Meeting on Tuesday 18 May 2004 at 10.30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Hertford.

GROUP MEETINGS

Conservative Group	9.15 a.m.	Committee Room 'B'
Labour Group	9.15 a.m.	Committee Room 'A'
Liberal Democrat Group	9.15 a.m.	Room 12

PRAYERS 10.20 a.m.

Prayers led by the Reverend Peter Bevan, Vicar of St Mary the Virgin and All Saints, Potters Bar.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

To elect a Chairman of the Council to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council next following (24 May 2005).

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Council to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council next following (24 May 2005)

3. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 30 March 2004 (previously circulated), subject to noting that D R McManus was not present.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES / PROPORTIONALITY

5.1 Members of Committees remain in place for the ensuing year unless there is a resolution to the contrary.

The Council is required to review proportionality on Committees at this meeting, to see if any changes are required.

The proportionality rules do not require any changes to be made at this meeting.

- 5.2** The Council is required, however, to appoint four Parent Governor representatives to serve on the Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee until May 2008, together with an NUT representative to replace the current representative, John Hayes.

6. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN & VICE-CHAIRMEN OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

To appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the following Scrutiny Committees to serve until the Annual Meeting of the Council on 24 May 2005:-

Adult Care and Health
Audit
Children, Schools and Families
Community Services
Environment
Resources

7. REPRESENTATION ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY

To appoint four representatives to serve on the Local Government Association General Assembly until the Annual Meeting of the Council on 24 May 2005, and to determine the allocation of votes (10) between them.

(Current representatives: R J M Ellis, M H T Janes, J M Pitman, R Mays.)

8. REPRESENTATION ON THE HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

To appoint nine representatives to serve on the Hertfordshire Police Authority until the Annual Meeting of the Council on 24 May 2005.

(Current representatives: D E Billing, M D Colne, R J M Ellis, R I N Gordon, I H Laidlaw-Dickson, D B Lloyd, R Sanderson, R H Smith, J Taunton)

**9. QUESTIONS: HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY -
STANDING ORDER 7(6)**

To deal with any questions from Members of the Council on the discharge of the functions of the Hertfordshire Police Authority, directed to a person so nominated by that Authority (the Chairman of the Authority, I H Laidlaw-Dickson).

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS - STANDING ORDER 7(10)

To deal with any questions from any member of the public being resident in or a registered local government elector of Hertfordshire, to the Leader of the Council and Executive Members about any matter over which the Council has power, or which directly affects the county.

11. PUBLIC PETITIONS - STANDING ORDER 14

The opportunity for any member of the public, being resident in or a registered local government elector of Hertfordshire to present a petition relating to a matter with which the Council is concerned, containing 100 or more signatures of residents or business ratepayers of Hertfordshire.

Notification of intent to present a petition must have been given to the County Secretary at least 14 clear days before the meeting where an item relating to the subject matter of the petition does not appear in the agenda, or at least 3 clear days where the item is the subject of a report.

Notifications have been received from Councillor Rabi Martins from Watford regarding a safety crossing at Five Ways Junction, Watford, and from Father John Cunningham, Parish Priest of Waltham Cross and a Governor of St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School, on behalf of parents concerned about the lack of places at a Catholic Secondary School for children from Waltham Cross.

Reports from Cabinet – 10 May 2004

12. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2004 – 2005

(Note: this item will have been considered by the Cabinet on 10 May for recommendation to this meeting and a copy of the report will have been circulated to all members of the Council with the 10 May Cabinet dispatch. Will members please bring that report to the Council meeting, as it will not be re-circulated.)

13. MINERALS LOCAL PLAN REVIEW 2002 – 2006. DRAFT PROPOSED PRE-INQUIRY CHANGES FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

(Note: this item will have been considered by the Cabinet on 10 May and a copy of the report will have been circulated to all members of the Council with the 10 May Cabinet dispatch. Will members please bring that report to the Council meeting, as it will not be re-circulated.)

14. HERTS TOGETHER – THE COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

(Note: this item will have been considered by the Cabinet on 10 May and a copy of the report will have been circulated to all members of the Council with the 10 May Cabinet dispatch. Will members please bring that report to the Council meeting, as it will not be re-circulated.)

Reports from Scrutiny Committees

15. REPORT OF THE CHILDREN, SCHOOLS & FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 17 MARCH 2004

Attached

16. REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 22 MARCH 2004

Attached

17. REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 23 MARCH 2004

Attached

18. REPORT OF THE RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 25 MARCH 2004

Attached

Reports from Officers

19. KEY DECISIONS / FORWARD PLAN

To note the position of Key Decisions in the decision-making process shown in the current edition of the Forward Plan (circulated separately).

20. SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES – CABINET PANEL CHAIRMEN

Report of the County Secretary

The current Members Allowances Scheme includes the payment of Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) to the Chairmen of six Cabinet Panels, including the Chairmen of the CSF Achievement, Schools' Resources and Children and Families Panels.

The Cabinet on 10 May 2004 will be asked to agree (full report available on hertsdirect.org or from the County Secretary) to restructure its CSF Panels, abolishing the above-named three and putting in their place three new ones, namely CSF, Children Services and Education.

If that is agreed by the Cabinet the Council is invited to agree to switch the SRAs currently paid to the Chairmen of the three existing Panels to the Chairmen of the new ones.

The Allowances Panel's view is that since the new panels would have equal status to the existing ones they would support the switching of the SRAs.

Other Items

21. REPORT FROM THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 12 MARCH 2004

Attached

22. ITEMS OF BUSINESS REQUESTED BY MEMBERS UNDER STANDING ORDER 6 (2) (1)

None notified.

23. NOTICES OF MOTION - STANDING ORDER 8 (5)

None notified.

24. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 7(1)

To deal with any questions directed to the Leader of the Council and Executive Members about the discharge of their responsibilities. All such questions shall have been notified to the County Secretary at least 10 clear days before the meeting.

At the end of each reply the questioner may put one supplementary question to the person to whom the original question was put, who may reply orally or may undertake to reply in writing within 7 days.

The period allocated to questions shall not exceed 30 minutes. Any remaining after that period has elapsed shall be answered in writing within 7 days.

ANDREW LAYCOCK
County Secretary